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FOR ASST. SECY. HABIB FROM AMBASSADOR HODGSON

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SUBJ: GOJ TACTICS FOR HANDLING LOCKHEED REVELATIONS

1. LAST EVENING FONMIN ASKED FOR URGENT PRIVATE SESSION WITH ME. HE HAD TWO PURPOSES: (1) TO LEARN WHAT USG KNEW ABOUT LOCKHEED REVELATIONS THAT HAD BEEN REVEALED IN THE PRESS, AND (2) TO DESCRIBE HOW GOJ WILL HANDLE ITS RELATIONS WITH USG ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. WITH RESPECT TO USG KNOWLEDGE, I ADVISED FONMIN OF THE ACTIONS DOS HAD TAKEN GENERALLY IN AN ATTEMPT TO KEEP THIS SUBJECT IN A POSTURE WHERE IT WOULD NOT HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON GOJ. SPECIFICALLY I ALLUDED TO THE MANNER IN WHICH THE SEC INVESTIGATION WAS HANDLED. I, OF COURSE, EXPRESSED OUT EXTREAME CONCERN AT THE UNFORTUNATE COURSE EVENTS HAVE TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO SENATE COMMITTEE HEARINGS.

3. FONMIN SAID GOJ CABINET HAD MET AND DECIDED ON TWO FACTORS WITH RESPECT TO ITS HADNLING OF ITS OFFICIAL REQUESTS TO THE U.S. FOR INFORMATION ON THS SUBJECT. FIRST, THE DEPT OF STATE WILL BE THE SOLE SOURCE FROM WHICH INFORMATION WILL BE REQUESTED,

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AND SECOND, ALL INFORMATON SUPPLIED TO GOJ BY THE

DEPT OF STATE WILL BE RELEASED PUBLICLY. THE
FLOW OF SUCH INFORMATION CONTROLLED BY THE DEPT
OF STATE, A SOURCE WHICH GOJ BELIEVES WILL SHOW THE
GREATEST SENSITIVITY TO THE EFFECTS OF WHATEVER
INFORMATION IS PRESENTED. ACCORDINGLY I URGE THAT
INTENSIVE ATTENTION BE GIVEN BY THE DEPT TO REQUESTS
FOR SUCH INFORMATION AND PARTICULARLY TO THE
SECOND FACTOR. IT APPEARS EVIDENT TO ME THAT GOJ
FEELS IT CANNOT SUPPRESS ANY INFORMATION IT RECEIVES
OFFICIALLY FROM THE U.S. AND ACCORDINGLY WISHES THE
U.S. TO BE UNSUALLY SENSITIVE TO WHATEVER INFORMATION
IS OFFICIALLY GIVEN GOJ.

4. FONMIN EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE IN DEALING WITH ME
PRIVATELY ON THIS MATTER AND SAID HE WOULD CONTINUE
TO UTILIZE THIS CONDUIT TO SHARE DEVELOPMENTS
HERE ON THIS SUBJECT.
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